



Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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AGENDA DATE: September 5, 2007

TO: Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

FROM: Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, City of Santa Barbara

SUBJECT: Revised Work Plan and Meeting Schedule for 2007

RECOMMENDATION: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force (Task Force) approve a revised work program and meeting schedule for 2007.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this staff report is to outline a proposed revised work program and meeting schedule for the Task Force for the remainder of 2007. Since March 2007 the Task Force has held regular monthly meetings to gather information about current conditions of the front country trails, user education, trail management and funding, and resource protection. The Task Force also received a number of presentations on the concerns, objectives and priorities of different trail user groups.

Staff is proposing a revised work plan and meeting schedule that would include two regular meetings (September and October) and one workshop (November or December) for the remainder of 2007. The Task Force would return to regular meetings in 2008. This recommendation is based on a number of factors, including:

1. It is anticipated that examples of potential alternatives for addressing trail use conflict, and developing improved approaches to trail management and funding can be covered during the regular September and October meetings.
2. There is increasing interest from the trail user community to begin identifying and discussing specific alternatives for the Santa Barbara front country trails.
3. A workshop environment would promote discussion between the Task Force and trail user groups on the opportunities and constraints of different trail use and management options. Prior to the workshop, staff would prepare a proposal for consideration and discussion.

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The following schedule is proposed:

Regular Meetings

September 5, 2007 – Trail Designation and Education Alternatives to Trail Use Conflict

October 3, 2007 – Trail Management and Funding Alternatives

November 7, 2007 – Meeting cancelled in lieu of a workshop

December 5, 2007 – Meeting cancelled in lieu of a workshop

Workshop Tentative Dates

Saturday November 17

or

Saturday December 1

2008

Depending on the outcomes of the workshop, it is anticipated that the Task Force could begin developing recommendations for consideration by the Los Padres National Forest Supervisor, the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council in early 2008. This work effort could be conducted through workshops and regular meetings. Staff would prepare a meeting schedule and work plan, and regular meetings could begin in January 2008.

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